[6th November 1935

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU:—" The answer says: 'Proposals as to the best method of recruitment to the post of official receivers' are under consideration. May I know what the best method of recruitment is that is now under consideration?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" That is yet to be determined."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know whether the Government will appoint one lawyer for every taluk instead of appointing one for the whole of a district?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" That won't be practicable."

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU:—" Do the Government contemplate provincializing these posts of official receivers and giving them a permanent pay?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" That is the very question now under consideration, on which no decision has yet been come to."

Diwan Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Do the Government know that in most of the districts as the official receivers are not full-time persons, there is very great delay in the disposal of insolvency matters?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" That is also one of the matters under consideration."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" Why not the Government consider the appointment of one man for each munsif's court or sub-court, instead of appointing one man for a district, so that the work may be facilitated and quick disposal of cases may be assured?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" The matter is rather difficult, Sir."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—" In view of the possibility of corruption if one man is made to remain in the same place for a long time as official receiver, will the Government consider the desirability of making this a transferable post, i.e., munsifs can be transferred as official receivers, official receivers can be transferred as munsifs, etc.?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" In working out a good scheme, that suggestion will be considered."

Inadequacy of the accommodation for parties attending the District Munsif's and District Judge's Courts at Salem.

* 481 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that parties are huddling up in the court verandas in the District Munsif's and District Judge's Courts at Salem for want of sufficient waiting sheds for them in the premises of the said courts; and

(*b*) what remedy the Government propose to make to get over the difficulty?

6th November 1935]

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information, but have called for it.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know, Sir, whether the information will be made available to the House when received?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"It will be considered when the report is received."

Prisons and Prisoners

Classification of Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao as a 'C' class prisoner.

* 482 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao who was convicted by the Fourth Presidency Magistrate for the City of Madras on 28th May 1935 under section 18 (1) of the Criminal Law Amendment Act (Press Emergency Powers) was first placed in the 'B' class by the said Magistrate;

(*b*) whether he was subsequently reduced to 'C' class;

(*c*) if so, under whose instructions was he so reduced;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that he was placed in 'B' class during his previous convictions at Madras on 22nd March 1932, 1st October 1932 and August 1933 on the report furnished by the police regarding his status in life, and whether the Government accepted the classification and confirmed it; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the report sent by the police, on the basis of which his classification has been reduced to 'C'?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Yes. The convict was provisionally ordered to be placed in 'B' class by the Magistrate pending a report in regard to the status of the prisoner. On its receipt the convicting Magistrate directed that he be placed in 'C' class.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I ask, Sir, on what basis he was placed in the 'B' class, before the information was forthcoming?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"On the information available at that time, the Magistrate thought that he could be put in the 'B' class."

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi:—"When the prisoner had been given the 'B' class previously, will not Government consider the advisability of restoring him to the old 'B' class?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"Will the hon. Member kindly repeat his question?"